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Ref: DOIA 2223-2425

Mr ED Hirsche

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Tēnā koe Mr Hirsche

Thank you for your email of 23 April 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I note your response to DOIA 2223-2063 to Mr Hehir. I have a series of followup requests.

- 1. Please release a copy of these two reports.*
- 2. Please release a copy of the procurement plan (or similar) which sets out the procurement approach taken to source these two pieces of work and which made the decision to hire McKinsey to do this work*
- 3. Please release the RSOs similarly.*
- 4. Please release any and all emails discussing 2 and 3 above. To be clear: I am looking for emails about the decision to do this work and how McKinsey was chosen to do the work. I am not interested in emails about the content of the work itself, except insofar as they are relevant to the procurement decision.*

We are refusing all four parts of your request because some of the information you requested is already publicly available and some does not exist

This letter details the grounds in the Act for refusing each part of your request and indicates where information you requested is already publicly available. All publicly available information about the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council can be accessed on MBIE's website via the following link:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library/search?keywords=+primeministersbusinessadvisorycouncil&df=&dt=&sort=desc&start=0>

Part 1 of the request: reports written by consultants

Our response to Liam Hehir, on 4 April 2023 (DOIA 2223-2063), identified three reports prepared by consultants for the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council:

- 1. Future of Work – Implications for Māori (prepared by McKinsey & Company)*
- 2. A Future That Works Report: Harnessing Automation for a More Productive and Thriving New Zealand (prepared by McKinsey & Company)*
- 3. New Zealand Business Compliance Research (prepared by Perceptive).*

We therefore consider all three reports within scope of your request.

All three reports are publicly available on MBIE's website via the supplied link and we are therefore refusing the first part of your request under Section 18(d) of the Act: *the information requested is or soon will be publicly available.*

Part 2 of the request: procurement plans related to the reports

We are refusing the second part of your request under the following grounds:

- The Procurement Plan and an Exemption Form for Report 1 are available via the supplied link. We are therefore refusing this aspect of your request under Section 18(d) of the Act: *the information requested is or soon will be publicly available.*
- MBIE did not commission Reports 2 or 3. Therefore, MBIE does not have any procurement documents about the development of those two reports. We are therefore refusing this aspect of your request under Section 18(e) of the Act: *the document containing the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.*

Part 3 of the request: RSOs related to the reports

We are refusing the third part of your request under the following grounds:

- The Services Agreement for Report 1 is available via the supplied link. We are therefore refusing this aspect of your request under Section 18(d) of the Act: *the information requested is or soon will be publicly available.*
- MBIE did not commission Reports 2 or 3. Therefore, MBIE does not have any Services Agreements about the development of those two reports. We are therefore refusing this aspect of your request under Section 18(e) of the Act: *the document containing the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.*

Part 4 of the request: emails related to the decision to develop the reports and procure McKinsey

MBIE is refusing the fourth part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, *the document containing the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.* This is because:

- MBIE does not have any emails about the procurement rationale behind the development of Report 1. *Exemption Form for contracted services – Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council* lists out the procurement rationale behind the development of Report 1. This document is publicly available on MBIE's website via the supplied link as noted above.
- MBIE did not commission Reports 2 or 3 and therefore does not have any emails about their procurement rationale.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Te Waka Pūtahitanga